



On The Anti-Patriarchal O9A Ethos

Question: "I read that one of things that differentiates the O9A from other Left Hand Path occultists and from other Satanists is its anti-patriarchal ethos. Could you expand upon this?"

Reply:

As noted in the O9A text *Distinguishing The O9A*, {1} distributed in 2016, "One of the most outward practical signs of the O9A logos is the fact that the O9A has and always has had Sapphic nexions and – according to an academic source {2} – "has more female supporters than either the Church of Satan or the Temple of Set [and] more women with children."

For the [O9A] code of kindred honour embodies respect for women and gender equality and – as is evident from basic texts such as Naos – the O9A also embodies equality in regard to the sexual preference of individuals. Furthermore, the O9A has always emphasized that "only through the female are the forces represented by the three alchemical substances and their nine combinations capable of being released in a physical way." {3}

That is, it is women who are the key to creating, opening – and keeping open – nexions to the acausal. Thus, in the O9A, women are of fundamental importance, equal partners, and indeed essential to the O9A, with the O9A ethos contrary to and opposed to the misogyny still so rife in the Western world, as elsewhere. Terran men in their majority seem to have a genetic predisposition to be arrogant, misogynist, competitive, and desirous of war and conflict. Until, that is, some are touched – perhaps transformed – via pathei-mathos: by grief, by personal suffering, by such personal loss of loved ones or comrades as – even if for only moments – place their own mortal lives into a supra-personal, sometimes even into an Aeonic, perspective.

Yet each new generation of terran men begins anew. Self-assured, arrogant, misogynist, competitive, and desirous of war and conflict, as they so often in their majority are. To them, this new generation, the pathei-mathos – such stories – of their forefathers seem unreal; voices of a past generation to be perhaps condescendingly listened to but seldom if ever appreciated and almost always never to become a source of learning.

Thus, given the dominant patriarchal ethos of past eras and of the current era, does the cycle of a lack of conscious, willed, evolution continue, and

repeat itself, generation following terran generation. Which is where – for those who know – certain esoteric traditions come into play.

For such traditions preserve, hand on to each new generation, a means, a praxis, whereby that learning of previous generations has been distilled into a transformative, an alchemical, essence so enabling us, both men and women, as a sentient species to consciously evolve. One such means of esoteric transformation is the Seven Fold Way (7FW) of the Order of Nine Angles. For the 7FW is basically a series of consciously undertaken practical experiences.

Experiences which can – which should – provoke the person into learning about and being honest with themselves, with such experiences and such learning enabling the person to develop their own weltanschauung and thus be independent of previous dogma esoteric or otherwise.

In other words, the 7FW evolves the individual because they have an understanding which transcends the human made dialectic of opposites – the abstractions, forms, categories, terms, the naming – which has guided the thinking and often the way of life of most humans for thousands of years. This understanding goes beyond words and is highly personal; germane to the individual.

Of pathei mathos in general, that is, outside of an Occult context, [David] Myatt writes in one of his metaphysical tracts,

"For we human beings, pathei-mathos possesses a numinous, a living, authority; [for] the wisdom, the understanding, that arises from one's own personal experience, from formative experiences that involve some hardship, some grief, some personal suffering, is often or could be more valuable to us (more alive, more meaningful) than any doctrine, than any religious faith, than any words one might hear from someone else or read in some book."
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In esoteric – occult – terms the foundations of the 7FW (and thus of the Order of Nine Angles) are (i) pathei mathos consciously produced through an individual undertaking particular tasks and rôles both esoteric and exoteric, and (ii) the knowledge that our evolution as a species is an individual, a personal, an Aeonic, one and does not and cannot be done by 'secret occult societies' of whatever kind, cannot be done through external forms or forces such as politics or religion or by social doctrines or laws being applied to a society or to societies. That is, it is individuals and their pathei mathos who and which are evolutionary, the basis – the quintessence – of the 7FW and of the Order of Nine Angles.

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{1} <https://web.archive.org/web/20200809050543/https://omega9alpha.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/distinguishing-the-o9a-v4.pdf>

{2} J.R Lewis, *Satanic Attitudes*, in Asbjorn Dyrendal, James R. Lewis, Jesper A. Petersen (editors), *The Invention of Satanism*, Oxford University Press, 2015. p.191; pp. 194–196.

{3} *The Rite Of The Nine Angles*, 1979. The MS was published, in the 1980s, in Sennitt's Nox zine, and was included in the later book compilation *The Infernal Texts: Nox & Liber Koth* (Falcon Publications, 1997).

{4} *The Numinous Way of Pathei-Mathos*. 2013. ISBN 978-1484096642.
